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CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method for identifying a caller including the steps of:
- a) attempting a call to a subscriber line connected to a computer network;
 - b) determining that the subscriber line is connected to the computer network;
 - c) in response to said step b), prompting the caller to provide identification;
 - d) receiving an audible identification from the caller; and
 - 10 e) providing the audible identification via the computer network and the subscriber line.
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2. The method of claim 1 further including the step of recording the audible identification in said step d).
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3. The method of claim 1 further including the step of sending the recording via the audible identification via the subscriber line in said step e).
4. The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
- 20 f) before said step c), determining whether calling party information is present in response to said step b);

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a1 } g) determining that the calling party information is not present; and

h) performing said step c) in response to said step g.

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B3 } 5. The method of claim 4 further including the steps of:

i) Detecting a trigger at the subscriber line in said step a);

j) performing said step f) in response to said step i).

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6. The method of claim 5 further including the step of directing the call to an intelligent peripheral based upon said step g).

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B4 } 7. The method of claim 1 further including the step of displaying a plurality of disposition options for call via the subscriber line.

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8. A communication network comprising:

a service switching point (SSP) associated with a subscriber line and generating a query in response to an attempted call to the subscriber line;

a service control point (SCP) receiving the query from the SSP and, in response to the query; and

a programmable network computer requesting an audible identification from the attempted call and sending the audible identification to a computer via a computer network.

9. The communication network of claim 8 wherein the computer records the audible identification.

10. The communication network of claim 8 wherein the computer is an online call alert (OCA) server communicating with the SCP, the OCA including information associating the subscriber line with an address on the computer network, the network computer send the audible information to the address associated with the subscriber line.

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11. The communication network of claim 8 wherein the computer is an intelligent peripheral (IP) sending the audible identification via the internet to the subscriber line.

5 12. The communication network of claim 8 wherein the subscribe line is connected to the internet and the audible identification is sent via the internet to the subscriber line.

13. A communication network computer programmed to receive an audible identification from an originating subscriber line attempting a call to a terminating subscriber line and play the audible via a computer network.

14. The communication network of claim 13 wherein the computer requests the audible identification on the originating subscriber line.

15 15. The communication network of claim 13 wherein the computer records the audible identification.

16. The communication network of claim 13 wherein the computer is an online call alert (OCA) server communicating with the SCP, the OCA including information associating the subscriber line with an address on the computer network, the

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network computer send the audible information to the address associated with the subscriber line.

17. The communication network of claim 13 wherein the computer is an intelligent peripheral sending the audible identification via the internet to the terminating subscriber line.

18. The communication network of claim 13 wherein the subscriber line is connected to the internet and the audible identification is sent via the internet to the subscriber line.

19. A method for identifying a caller including the steps of:

- a) detecting an attempted call to a subscriber line;
- b) in response to said step a), prompting the caller to provide an audible identification;
- c) receiving the audible identification from the caller; and
- d) providing the audible identification via a computer network.

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20. The method of claim 19 wherein the subscriber line is connected to the computer network, said step d) further includes the step of providing the audible identification via the computer network and the subscriber line.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the computer network is the Internet.